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## Letter from J. C. Calhoun, 1859 November 4

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San Francisco

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1859.

J. G. Calhoun

San Francisco

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1859

My dear Sir

I regret that I did not receive your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept in time to answer it by the last steamer. At the time of the arrival of the mail that brought it, and until a few days since I was in the interior of the State.

I am much surprised to hear that you had not received an answer to your letters for some time. I have not answered them regularly, being



constantly in expectation of leaving for  
the States by any steamer, but to the last,  
I have recd. previous to that of the 5th ult.,  
I did reply, and I think I was quite  
particular in stating, that your invest-  
ment under my charge, was not  
only safe, but of a very satisfactory  
nature. I would be prompt to inform  
you, were it otherwise.

I am sorry to learn what you state  
about our meeting with Mr. Bralle.

You are mistaken in supposing  
that I possess any authority to take  
legal steps against him, as Adminr.  
of the Estate. I vacated the Administra-  
tion at the time of leaving the State,  
in fact, otherwise I would very



cheerfully delegate the power you  
request. I think that brother Andrew  
Administered subsequently, and the fact  
that the present Edition of Father's  
works are not the Collection were  
compromised by being stronger, this im-  
pression is not.

It is now my intention of remaining  
here until after the election of the U.S. Sen-  
ator to fill the vacancy occasioned  
by the death of Mr. H. Smith, provided  
it comes off the first week after  
the meeting of the Legislature in  
January next, unless I discover  
that the success of the Candidate  
in whose election I feel a great  
interest, should be deemed sufficient



certain, before the Legislature meets,

It would be decidedly to my advantage  
to leave his election - I think I can  
write definitely by the steamer of the  
20th, whether I will wait for the  
election or not. I felt very anxious  
to reach the States before the winter  
season, and had my preparations com-  
pleted for that purpose, before it was  
known that an election for L. S. S. S.  
would come off the next session of  
the Legislature.

I am glad now that I did not  
attempt the trip through Mexico at  
the time I intended, as it would not  
have forwarded my journey to the States,  
my agent, and associate in the  
business that was to have taken me



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to Mexico, after much difficulty and delay, reached the City, and has just returned here, his family left here for the States about the time that he did to join him there, as it was my intention to have done, it being necessary for one of us to remain here until communication should be first received from the other at the City of Mexico, but the condition of that country was such, as to cause his detention over two months longer than he calculated upon when he started, so that it became necessary for him to be again in Calca before visiting the States, & wrote me to await his return here.

The Varing season is just commencing and with unusual promise of abundance.



of rain for farming and mining purposes.

The papers will give you the general news of the State, which is encouraging to its prospects. A new and valuable element of wealth has been added within the last month or two, by the discoveries of Silver Mines of vast extent and richness. Great quantities of the Ore is daily arriving in this City from the County East of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and so rich, that tons of it are shipped in the State in which it is taken from the Mines, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, to Europe.

Give my love to Sister Anna & the Children.

Yours affectionately  
J. F. Salomon